

FCC 'reform' could temper its bite

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The campaign by congressional Republicans for "process reform" at the Federal Communications Commission is as much about lawmakers wanting to handcuff the commission as it is about how the agency operates.

A half-dozen Republicans who sit on the telecommunications subcommittees were quick to point out in recent interviews about the FCC the issues on which they think the commission has abused its mandate — net neutrality, the AT&T/T-Mobile deal and Universal Service Fund reform, to name just a few.

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